PRAYER LIST

- **CHURCH PROPERTY – ₱ 150k advance rent, ₱ 1M funds for bldg. construction, and documents to put paperwork in order**
- **Air-conditioning Unit (2.0 hp)**
- **Church Vehicle**
- **Electric Piano**
- **Worship Team**
- **Creative Team – Church Calendar**
- **Men's Fellowship**
- **Ladies Group**
- **Youth Ministry**
- **Mission Works (Manaoag, Dinagat, Taytay, Palawan)**
- **Pastors and Churches (LBBC, IBBC, Diadem BBC, BMP)**
- **Gerald Chan (H-Star Ent)**
- **Lulu Teng (Diamond Motors)**

Our Weekly Report

January 29 – Feb. 1, 2012

Sunday Morning

Adults	**22**
Young People	**15**
Children	**11**
Total	**49**
Offerings	**₱ 2,900**

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Adults	**9**
YP and Children	**8**
Total	**17**

Announcements

- Belated happy birthday to **Ice Matulac** (Jan 30) and **Paulo Garcia** (Feb. 1). God bless you always ☺
- All members are invited to come and join the **JOINT Fellowship** on **Feb. 11, at 1-5pm**. Let's come together for fellowship & clean up our target property!
- **CREATIVE TEAM** meeting on **Feb. 12** (next Sunday) at 4pm. Please arrange your schedules. Thanks!
- **Family Church Camp** (April 2,3 and 4, at Camp Capinpin). Camp fee is at ₱ 750 and includes transpo (₱ 150), accommodation and food for 3 days and 2 nights (except for breakfast and lunch on the 1st day, which should be packed by each camper). More details to follow ☺

Power, Not Fear

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
(2 Timothy 1:7)

The only fear that God encourages in a Christian's life is the fear of God (2 Cor. 5:10–11; Heb. 10:31). Fear of people does not come from God. The problem is that many Christians fear people more than they fear God. Their fear hinders them from pleasing God because they waste their efforts appeasing other people. Timothy was a timid young man, probably not strong physically. He knew of Paul's frequent trials and knew that he might suffer the same. Paul reminded him that fear of others causes us to stop and question what God has clearly told us to do.

Most fear is fear of the unknown. We do not know what lies ahead of us, so we become apprehensive. Our imaginations can magnify problems until they seem insurmountable. We need a sound mind to see things in proper perspective. That is why God gave us His Holy Spirit, to enable us to see things as God sees them. Fear is no excuse to disobey God. There is no reason to live in fear when you have the mighty presence of the Holy Spirit within you. Fear will enslave you, but Christ has come to set you free.

Ask God to free you from any fear you are experiencing and to open your eyes. As He reveals the reality of your situation, He will enable you to continue in obedience!

-Blackaby Devotionals

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Summary of Last Week's Message

How to Deal with Difficulty

Scripture Reading: John 16:33 and 2 Corinthians 6:4

Three Keys to Dealing with Difficulty from Acts 27

1. **Determine the REASON.** *(Psalm 73:16-17)* What caused this?
   There are only 4 different causes for difficulty in our life – (a) ourselves; (b) other people; (c) the devil; and (d) God can allow difficulty in our lives to get our attention, test us, and mold us. When we worship, God uses getting together with other believers to help us clarify things that are going on in your life.
   Three Common Mistakes
   a. **We listen to bad ADVICE.** *(Acts 27:11)* – Don't listen to the experts. Listen to what God says.
   b. **We follow the CROWD** *(Acts 27:12)* – Don't base our morality on popular opinion. Peer pressure keeps us from doing what God wants them to do.
   c. **We rely on CIRCUMSTANCES** *(Acts 27:13)* – Satan can arrange circumstances. We should not take advantage of every opportunity we have.
2. **Determine the RESULT.** *(2 Cor. 4:17; Rom. 5:3-4)* - What does God want me to learn? No matter where our problem came from God wants us to grow as a result of it. His purpose is greater than your problem and your pain. That's the whole purpose for the problems and difficulties – every storm is a school, every trial a teacher, every experience an education, every difficulty for our development. God is more interested in making us change to be more like Christ than He is in making things easy for us.
3. **Determine our RESPONSE.** How should I respond?
   Three Things We Shouldn't Do
   a. **Don't DRIFT.** *(Acts 27:15)* – Life's tough. Don't lose your goal, your ambition, your dream just because life gets hard.
   b. **Don't DISCARD** *(Acts 27:18,31)* – A common human reaction to difficulty is to start abandoning things, values, relationships you would not normally let go of in better times. But God tells us to stay with the shg ip!
   c. **Don't DESPAIR** *(Acts 27:20)* – We have to resist losing hope & giving up.

The Right Response

1. **CONFESS my part.** *(Pr. 28:13)* Accept responsibility.
2. **CONFRONT it.** *(Pr. 28:13)* God won't take you around the storm. He will take you through the storm of life. The only way to face a storm is head on.
3. **Claim a PROMISE.** *(Pr. 28:13)* There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible that we can claim when you're going through tough times.